

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1-15 to further clarify the invention.

I. Preliminary Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority and for indicating receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for returning the initialed forms PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 3, 2005 and March 29, 2007. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating acceptance of the drawing figures filed on January 3, 2005.

II. Summary of the Office Action

Claim 13 presently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-12, 14, and 15 are allowed and claim 13 contains allowable subject matter.

III. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of claim 13 in view of the self-explanatory claim amendments being made herein.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12, 14, and 15 are allowed and claim 13 contains allowable subject matter. In view of the self-explanatory amendments being made to claim 13, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to now allow all of the pending claims.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. **If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.**

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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